

CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A device for removing a composition and depilated hair from the skin, the device comprising:

 a non-shaving head which in use is moved over the skin to effect removal of the composition;

 a handle having a broadened end distal from the non-shaving head; and

 a joint between the head and the handle, permitting an articulation of the head about the handle, the joint being defined by an opening oriented upward when used to effect the removal of the composition;

 wherein both the non-shaving head and the handle have a downward concave curvature profile when used to effect the removal of the composition, the downward concave curvature profile of the handle extending continuously along a majority of the length of the handle;

wherein the handle is substantially waisted in shape; and

wherein the width of the head is at least approximately 50% greater than the maximum width of the handle.

2. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein there is a resistance force acting against articulation of the head, which resistance force increases as the articulation increases.

3. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the head comprises an articulation about the handle through an angle in the range of 10 to 40°.

4. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein when the force, causing articulation of the head, is reduced or removed the head is able to recover a previous or original position.

5. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 3, the device being unitary.

6. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 5, the device being a one-part device comprising a plastic.

7. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the handle is substantially rigid, the head is substantially rigid, and the joint is the only source of the articulation.

8. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 3 wherein the joint is formed by a web of plastic material at the base of an upwardly open notch between the handle and the head.

Claims 9-13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A device for use in removing a depilatory composition and depilated entrained hair from skin, the device comprising a translucent, integrally molded thermoplastic unit, the unit consisting essentially of:

a. a non-shaving head, the head comprising a planar surface comprising a flat top surface and a flat under surface, the planar surface ending in a single straight edge;

b. a handle having a broadened end distal from the head; and

c. a single joint between the handle and the head having an upward opening that limits articulation of the head with respect to the handle during use in removing the depilatory composition;

d. wherein both the non-shaving head and the handle have a concave curvature profile relative to the skin during use, the concave curvature profile of the handle extending continuously along a majority of the length of the handle;

e. wherein the handle is substantially waisted in shape; and

f. wherein the width of the head is at least approximately 50% greater than the maximum width of the handle.

15. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein in the limited articulation of the head there is a resistance force acting against articulation of the head, which

resistance force increases as the articulation increases.

16. (previously presented) The device of claim 14, wherein the joint is formed by a web of plastic material at the base of an upwardly open notch between the handle and a curved surface of the head.

Claims 17-20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) A device for removing a composition and depilated hair from the skin, the device comprising:

a non-shaving head which in use is moved over the skin to effect removal of the composition;

a handle having a curved profile and a broadened end distal from the non-shaving head, the curved profile defining a downward concave curvature that extends continuously along a majority of the length of the handle; and

a joint located between the head and the handle that permits an articulation of the head about the handle, the joint being defined by a notch having an upward opening that closes when a downward force, to effect the removal of the composition, is applied to the handle;

wherein the handle is substantially waisted in shape; and

wherein the width of the head is at least approximately 50% greater than the maximum width of the handle.

22. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the notch is V-shaped.

23. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 21, wherein there is a resistance force acting against articulation of the head, which resistance force increases as the articulation increases.

24. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the head comprises an articulation about the handle through an angle in the range of 10 to 40°.

25. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 24, wherein when the downward force, causing articulation of the head, is reduced or removed, the head is able to recover an original position.

26. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 21, the device being unitary.

27. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 26, wherein the unitary device comprises a plastic.

28. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the handle is substantially rigid, the head is substantially rigid, and the joint is the only source of the articulation.

29. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 21, wherein both the nonshaving head and the handle have a curved, concave profile.

30. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the head has a rigid, non-conforming leading edge that effects the removal of the composition.

31. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the upward opening closes when a downward force, to effect the removal of the composition, is applied to the handle, and wherein the closure of the upward opening limits the articulation of the head about the handle.

32. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the head has a rigid, non-conforming leading edge that effects the removal of the composition.

33. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the head has a rigid, non-conforming leading edge that effects the removal of the composition.

34. (new) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the maximum width of the handle is approximately 22 mm.